



Longport Town Topics

Mayor George Baumgardner
Commissioner Mary Garvin
Commissioner John Stroebele

July 2004

A march in memorial of our fallen heroes

The John A. Kuzmann Memorial American Legion Post 469 annual Memorial Day parade was timed perfectly this year. In fact, the rain drops just began to fall during the closing of the ceremony at the pavilion. Those who continued down Oberon Avenue to the back of Borough Hall for hot dogs and soda were not as fortunate.

The rain came down, but not until after the parade of legion members, government officials, sea cadets, Longport Police Department, Atlantic City High School Marching Band, Krista Armstrong's prancing horses, Longport Volunteer Fire Department and Longport Beach Patrol all passed through town and the ceremony had finished.



(Pictured top) Members of the John A. Kuzmann American Legion Post 469 march down Atlantic Avenue.

(Pictured above) Mayor Baumgardner and Mrs. Baumgardner and Commissioner Garvin and Mr. Garvin also join in the annual Memorial Day Parade. (Pictured right) CPT. John Stroebele, IV, who recently returned from 15 months in Iraq was a special speaker at the event along with Senator William Gormley. Mayor Baumgardner (far right) also spoke at the event.

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Longport police dept. summer season reminders

As we enter a new summer season the Longport Police Department would like to remind all residents of two safety precautions that we can take so that we can have another enjoyable and safe summer.

Parking: All residents, both summer and year-round residents are reminded that parking is a difficult issue in and of itself. As we are a beach community, we must be courteous to the daily visitors, as well as, our part-time residents. We should all take caution to park accordingly. The police department reminds all drivers that we should park with the flow of traffic on two-way streets. This makes pulling out easier and less risky as we have better field of vision if we park facing the proper direction.

Home Security: Burglaries are usually a problem at this time of year, mainly because we become less aware of our surroundings. You are reminded that if you are going for a walk, a run, swim on the beach or even to the grocery store, to lock your doors if the house is unattended. Often we are in the yard or close by when most of these type of crimes happen (crimes of opportunity). Given the opportunity, they will occur.

The Longport Police Department is proud to serve and is geared up for the summer season. We ask that all residents and visitors cooperate with us so that we can all have a stress free and enjoyable summer of 2004.

Budget cut begins with Board of Commissioners

The newly-elected Board of Commissioners made their first budget cuts at home. The new governing body passed an ordinance to decrease their salary from \$10,000 a year to \$5,000 a year per person. They also opted not to be covered under the borough's medical

insurance policy. The cuts save the borough approximately \$64,350.00 a year in total costs. The reduction in salary fulfills one of the campaign promises of the new administration.

Tax office news & updates

New tax bills will be mailed by the end of June or beginning of July. Taxes are due Aug. 1st. Water/sewer bills will be mailed the first week of July. Bills may be paid at the tax office window or by check, cash or money order. Credit cards are no longer accepted.

Senior citizens' annual property tax deductions and veteran's deductions are available to those who qualify.

Please call the Tax Office for details and applications for the deductions at 823-2731 ext. 111.

Beach tag update

As of June 1st, beach tag prices increased to \$15 each for a seasonal pass. Seasonal beach tags in addition to weekly passes will be available for purchase on the beaches from beach tag inspectors.

There is a correction to pre-season beach tag pick-up procedures. All pre-season tags will be available for pick-up at borough hall on Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Annual Town Party on July 17th

The annual Longport Town Party is scheduled to be held from 6 to 10 p.m. on July 17th under the tent behind Borough Hall. Tickets are now for sale, please call 823-2731 ext. 111 for details. Don't miss out on all the fun.

Resident committee being formed for proposed Atlantic Ave. walkway project

Attention all Longport residents, in particular, those that live on Atlantic Avenue between 17th and 22nd avenues, the reconstruction of the bayside jetty along Atlantic Avenue presents the opportunity to enhance safety and improve the vista. A walkway on the jetty is one of the possibilities.

Recently, state funding has been received in the amount of 75-per-

cent of the total cost of the project or approximately \$825,000. The remaining \$275,000 will be provided from recently issued capital improvement bonds. The total estimated cost of the project is \$1.1 million.

Currently the project is in the design phase and commissioners are looking for input from the public.

Three public meetings have been scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on July 7th,



August 4th and September 1st in Commissioner Chambers of Borough Hall.

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Beach patrol season kicks into high gear

The summer season is in full swing for the Longport Beach Patrol. All guarded bathing beaches will open full time June 26th. Bathers are reminded to swim in front of a lifeguard. Guarded beaches are marked by two

green flags, it is recommended that all bathers swim between these green flags. If there is a hazardous condition or when beaches are closed these areas will be marked with an orange flag. All beach patrons should fol-

low the directions of the lifeguards on duty, they are experienced in ocean water safety.

All beachgoers are also advised to only see beaches on insert



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Public input will be gathered and considered in the design phase. It will then be

briefed back to the public after consideration of engineering and resource constraints.

New commission meeting dates 2004

In an effort to promote more community involvement and participation, the Mayor and Commissioners of the Borough of Longport recently passed a resolution to change the time of commission meetings to a more convenient evening time. Prior to the change, work session meetings were held at 4:30 p.m. and regular meetings were held at 5 p.m, the governing body felt that a later time would help facilitate attendance. An additional meeting a month was included in the resolution.

June 16	work session	6:30 p.m.
	regular meeting	7:00 p.m.
July 7	work session	6:30 p.m.
	regular meeting	7:00 p.m.
July 21	work session	6:30 p.m.
	regular meeting	7:00 p.m.
August 4	work session	6:30 p.m.
	regular meeting	7:00 p.m.
August 18	work session	6:30 p.m.
	regular meeting	7:00 p.m.
September 1	work session	6:30 p.m.
	regular meeting	7:00 p.m.
September 22	work session	6:30 p.m.
	regular meeting	7:00 p.m.
October 6	work session	6:30 p.m.
	regular meeting	7:00 p.m.
October 20	work session	6:30 p.m.
	regular meeting	7:00 p.m.
November 3	work session	6:30 p.m.
	regular meeting	7:00 p.m.
November 10	work session	6:30 p.m.
	regular meeting	7:00 p.m.
December 1	work session	6:30 p.m.
	regular meeting	7:00 p.m.
December 15	work session	6:30 p.m.
	regular meeting	7:00 p.m.

Remember your veteran and honor their service to the USA

The John A. Kuzmann American Legion Post 469 is giving families and friends the opportunity to remember a loved one with an engraved paver placed in the new monument's walkway located at the Krechmer Pavilion.

Please provide the name, branch of service and period of service, in addition to a \$100 donation to the American Legion Post 469, P.O. Box 441, Longport, NJ 08403.

Please contact Joe Milone for details at 927-9122.

Dogs not permitted on beaches during summer season, law will be enforced

The summer rule for dogs is: dogs are not permitted on Longport beaches fronting the Atlantic Ocean during the lifeguard season (Ordinance 2000-13). This year the lifeguard season extends from June 5th through September 26th.

For the safety of our Public Works employees, dog waste should be processed through household plumbing.

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Residents and visitors watched and waved on the parade from Ventnor Avenue.



Pedestrians share responsibility for safety at crosswalks

Both motorists *and* pedestrians have responsibilities when it comes to crosswalk safety. State laws that require a vehicle to yield to a pedestrian in a crosswalk do not “relieve a pedestrian from using due care for his safety.”

The law states that pedestrians cannot leave a curb and walk into the path of a vehicle which is so close that it is impossible for the driver to yield.

Much of the Longport Police Department’s enforcement in the past has focused on the motorist. This year, the enforcement will include the pedestrian’s responsibilities, according to Police Chief Scott Porter.

“Pedestrians crossing four-lane roadways, such as Atlantic Avenue, must exercise even more care” said Chief Porter. “One vehicle may slow down or stop for a pedestrian but another motorist may think it is turning and simply drive around it.” This situation is even more dangerous because today’s larger vehicles, such as SUV’s, may obstruct a motorist’s view of a pedestrian that is crossing.

So this year’s pedestrian safety message is one of cooperation, shared responsibilities, and most of all, patience.

PEDESTRIAN RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE:

- Always cross at a corner, use painted crosswalks where provided.
- *Never* cross against the red signal at an intersection controlled by a traffic light.
- Look both ways. Look left, right, and left again. Watch for turning cars.
- Remain alert. Do not assume that cars are going to stop.
- Parents, teach your children safe walking habits.
- Wear reflective clothing when walking at night.

MOTORISTS RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE:

- Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks. Failure to yield carries a \$44.00 fine and a two point license penalty (39:4-36).
- Obey speed limits.
- Watch for pedestrians when turning right on red.
- Do not block or park in crosswalks.
- Keep your windshield clean for maximum visibility.
- Be alert for pedestrians at all times!

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swim when guarded bathing beaches are open between the hours of 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

As required by borough ordinance, the surfing and kayaking beaches are designated by resolution. Surfing beaches include 12th, 22nd, 28th, and 32nd avenues. Kayak beaches include 14th and 15th, 22nd and 23rd, 27th and 29th and 32nd and 33rd avenue's drainage pipe. All beachgoers must follow these designated locations between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

The beach patrol is requesting the assistance of all beachgoers with keeping our beaches clean. Please clean up after yourself. The Public Works Department does an excellent job at keeping our beaches looking as beautiful as ever, do your part and pitch in. In addition, it is recommended that all beachgoers fill in their holes before leaving the beach. These holes when left unfilled create a hazardous condition to all beach patrons. Please help out and fill in these holes before someone gets hurt.

The beach patrol would like to remind everyone to swim near a lifeguard and be safe. The ocean is ever changing and can be very hazardous to all. Please heed to the warnings provided by the lifeguards, they are trained professionals who are looking out for everyone's safety. Have a great summer season!

Some key summer dates . . .

July

4th - The Longport Police and Volunteer Fire departments are scheduled to hold an open-house July 4th. The fire department will be open from 9 a.m. to noon and the police department will be open from 10 a.m. to noon. The "All American Mile Run" will be held at 6:30 p.m. Enjoy Margate's fireworks display from our beaches tonight.

14th - The 7th Annual Longport Women's Lifeguard Invitational is scheduled to take place at 6:30 p.m. on July 14th at 33rd Avenue and the beach.

16th - The 34th Annual Longport Memorials are scheduled to take place at 6:30 p.m. on July 16th at 33rd Avenue and the beach.

17th - The Annual Town Picnic is scheduled to be held July 17th behind Borough Hall located at 2305 Atlantic Avenue. Tickets will be available at Borough Hall.

18th - The Longport Historical Society is holding its "Longport Community Treasure Day." The event, will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., under the tent behind Longport Borough Hall at 2305 Atlantic Ave.

August

7th - The 10th Annual Competition is scheduled to be held between the Police and Fire departments versus the Beach Patrol. This year the event may change to a softball game instead of a basketball game. Lo-

Beach patrol starts exploring lifeguarding program

The Longport Beach Patrol has announced that they will be starting an Exploring Lifeguarding Program. This program is a community service project designed to transfer lifeguarding skills to the youth of our community. It is designed to enhance the probability of the explorer's success in a future lifeguard test. In addition, this program may provide the Longport Beach Patrol with a future supply of competitive rowers and swimmers. To participate in this program, you must have reached your twelfth birthday by Memorial Day and not be sixteen years of age by Labor Day. The program will begin on July 12th and conclude on August 13th. The explorers will meet Monday through Thursday from 10 to 11:30 a.m. The explorers program will be run under the direct supervision of the lieutenants of the beach patrol. Interested candidates should apply in writing to:

Longport Beach Patrol
2305 Atlantic Avenue
Longport, NJ 08403
Attn: Lieutenants

Once we receive your letter of interest we will provide you with an application, which requires a proof of health insurance, a doctor's medical release, and parental guardian permission slip. Completed applications must be received by July 2, 2004. The program is limited in the number of candidates, all prospective candidates will be notified by July 6, 2004 of their inclusion in the program.

cation and time to be announced. The Beach Patrol leads the series 6 to 3.

15th - The Longport Historical Society will sponsor an Irish concert at the Fiore Pavilion located at Borough Hall Park at 7 p.m.

20th - 22nd - The Longport Historical Society will hold an art show. The event will take place in the Centennial Ballroom, located on the second floor of Borough Hall at 2305 Atlantic Ave. in Longport.

September

4th - An "End of Summer" fireworks display

sponsored by the Longport Historical Society is scheduled for 8:30 p.m. Sept. 4th, rain date is Sept. 5th.

19th - All protected beaches are scheduled to close for the season at 6 p.m. The following beaches will re-open on Sept. 25th and Sept. 26th: 16th Avenue, 26th Avenue, 30th Avenue and 33rd Avenue.

*****Please see our summer calendar of events online at www.aclink.org/longport/ for all summer events and details or pick one up at Borough Hall.**